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**We are THANKFUL for our Students and
Want to Share Their Success!**

Is your student doing something amazing? Then let us know! The time is always right for this type of outreach - in both our internal newsletters to families as well as external media outreach. The impact of personal endorsement is a strong persuader for those looking for an education home for their child. We want and need your ideas to help maintain and build upon our success. Contact us at MyAgora@agora.org

NEW THIS YEAR: Attendance Report Cards!

Later this week by email, you will receive an **Attendance Report Card** for your student. The Attendance Report Card is designed to inform you and your child of their daily attendance as well as the number and type of absences your child has accumulated for the first quarter of school.



Attendance Report Card



Dear **Student Name:**

Below you will find your Attendance Report Card.

This data shows your attendance record for Quarter 1 of the 2017-2018 school year.

Present Rate	Total Days Present

Absentee Rate*	Total Days absent	Unexcused	Parent Excused

Tech Excused	Medically excused

Why an "Attendance" Report Card?

- To bring attention to your child's attendance and to help you create a plan for your student to attend school every day.
- Every absence is a missed opportunity for learning. Chronic absenteeism, defined as missing 10% or more of school, affects a student's learning and growth.
- It is critical that students develop good attendance habits at a young age in order to maintain those habits as they grow older. Research shows:
 - Children chronically absent in Kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of the 3rd grade.
 - By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk to drop out of school.
 - And by the 9th grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores!

Keep your student on the track for success in school by attending school every day!

Agora Community Roundtable

Hosted by: **Agora Parent Teacher Organization**

**Agora Community Roundtable is Here -
November 16 at 3pm and 7pm!**

Throughout the year, the Agora Parent Teacher Organization (APTO) will host open forums for parents and learning coaches featuring some of Agora's key administrators. This will be a chance to hear what's going on at school, ask questions and give input on important topics.

The first Roundtable speaker is Rich Jensen, Chief Academic Officer, and his topic is "What parents should expect from a school that is preparing students to reach their highest potential." Mr. Jensen will be looking for feedback from the Agora community as well as answering your questions. To join either session, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/FamilyLCTraining>

Want to participate but can't make the meeting? Join the APTO's new Facebook group by clicking here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AgoraPTO1718/>

Make a VIDEO - Win a PRIZE!

There are only three weeks left to submit your Choices in Education video! Don't miss out on this opportunity to win \$15,000.

It's simple: Think about how educational choices have made a difference for you and your family, or why you need more educational opportunities in your state. Then film a short video (under two minutes) telling that story. All you need is a smartphone and a few minutes!

Videos may feature students, their parents, and other family members. Must be 18 years or older to submit a video. Parents or guardians can submit videos on behalf of minor students.

Prizes will not be based on the quality of the video, but on the sincerity and passion of the content.



For more information and to submit your video by **December 1**, go to www.choicesined.org.

And remember to send a copy of your video to MyAgora@agora.org so we can post it on our website!

Learning Coach Academy

Getting the Most Out of Parent-Teacher Conferences

www.agora.org

Parent - Teacher Conferences

As you know, parent-teacher conferences give you an opportunity to increase communication between home and school, keep you informed about your student's progress, and develop a plan for your student's future success. The Parent Engagement Team has created a video with excellent advice to help parents prepare for these meetings. Use this link to get started <https://www.screencast.com/t/X8S8s805sE>

Please note: if your teacher has not scheduled a conference, you may request to meet at *any time* throughout the school year.

Celebrating Survivors on November 18

November 18th is "Survivor Day!" As a follow up to the amazing participation we had to Suicide Prevention Month in September, we wanted to share with you information on helping families and victims who have experienced a suicide attempt or completion.

To find information on attend an event, please look to the websites below.



Find a Survivor Day event:

[https://afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/survivor-day/event/?gmw_address%5B0%5D=PHILADELPHIA%2C%20PA&gmw_post=survivor_day&gmw_form=3&gmw_per_page=50&gmw_lat=39.9525839&gmw_lng=-75.16522150000003&gmw_px=pt&action=gmw_post&gmw_distance=50&gmw_units=imperial&gmw_state=Pennsylvania&gmw_country](https://afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/survivor-day/find-a-survivor-day-event/?gmw_address%5B0%5D=PHILADELPHIA%2C%20PA&gmw_post=survivor_day&gmw_form=3&gmw_per_page=50&gmw_lat=39.9525839&gmw_lng=-75.16522150000003&gmw_px=pt&action=gmw_post&gmw_distance=50&gmw_units=imperial&gmw_state=Pennsylvania&gmw_country)

Watch and Learn about Families who have Survived through a Suicide Attempt or Completion:

<https://afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/survivor-day/>

If You Need Help Now:

Please contact your local Crisis Line found on this website through PAYSPI – Pennsylvania Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative : <http://payspi.org/task-force-resources/county-initiatives/>

Simply click on your county to find the contact numbers for a resource close to you.

You may also contact the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 24 hours a day at **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT FORUM DATES

Agora is committed to helping our Special Education students succeed and have created a variety of resources for parents including the Parent Forum workshops that are held throughout the year. Please mark your calendar now and attend one - or more - of these forums to help you help your student:

Wed., Jan. 17 @ 3 pm: ***How to Read and Understand Your Child's IEP***, led by Tara Stine

Wed., Feb. 21 @ 12noon: ***Understanding Your Child's Progress Report***, led by Jenna Schreiner

Wed., March 21 @ 3 pm: ***NOREP*** led by Laurie Super

Wed., May 9 @ 3 pm: ***Easy CBM and i-Ready***, led by Michelle Olsavsky

To join a workshop, use this classroom link:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?password=M.F350389E2BBA6F689BD313AA61AE0F&sid=559>

Please note that this schedule is tentative and could be subject to change. If you have any questions please contact Jen Fisher for K-8 at jclark@agora.org or Erinn Hunt for 9-12 ehunt@agora.org.



College Tours and Career Planning

November 15, 2017

Online: It's a Kids Place Radio Show

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Discussion: The Season of Gratitude

To join the Radio Show Please [Click Here](#)

November 16, 2017

West Chester: QVC Studio Tour Explore the world of Broadcasting and more.

1200 Wilson Drive, West Chester PA

Time: 1:30 PM: Check in.

Tour: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Please Note: **THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT**

November 21, 2017

Lititz: The Wolf Sanctuary Explore the World of Speedwell Wolves For all interested in Animal Science

Address: 465 Speedwell Forge Rd. Lititz, Pa. 17543

Arrival Time: 9:30 AM to check in with Ms. King who will sign you in and collect the fee.

Tour Time: 10:00 AM

THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT

November 29, 2017

Philadelphia: Law Days at Community College of Phila

Please note: This is for junior and senior students only.

Address: 1700 Spring Garden Street

Where: Winnet Student Center: 17th St. between Spring Garden & Callowhill Streets

Arrival Time: 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Law Day starts at 9:00 and run through 1:30 with lunch included.

To RSVP for this event [Please Click Here.](#)

Math and Writing Peer Tutoring!

Agora's National Honor Society is happy to offer Math and Writing Peer Tutoring to any student in the 4th – 12th grade.

We will be able to work with your students individually in breakout rooms to help work through the problems or writing assignments that are causing difficulty. Students: Please bring some sample problems, or an essay you are struggling with. We can model how to solve, and then support you as you are solving the problems on your own!

Please use this link if you need some extra help on the days stated below

<http://tinyurl.com/Agora-NHS-tutoring>

Here is this year's tutoring schedule:

Grades 4th - 5th

TUESDAY @ 2:00 pm

Grades 6th – 8th

THURSDAY @ 3:00 pm

Grades 9th -12th

FRIDAY @ 12:00 pm



HersheyPark Holiday Savings for Agora Families

More than 4 million lights deck the halls of *HersheyPark*® in celebration of the season! Get in the holiday spirit with a choreographed light show, festive live entertainment, and more. Visit with Santa and his reindeer, or drive through 2 miles of festive lights with special Agora family discounts! For more info on the different events, visit the HersheyPark website at: <http://www.hersheypark.com/seasons/christmas.php>

Purchase your tickets online through this special website and promo code:

<http://tinyurl.com/amazonhptkts>

Remember to enter promo code: **21420**



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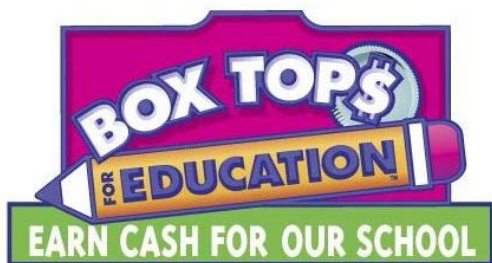
No Effort Fundraisers that Benefit Agora All Year Long!

At a time when school funding is being debated - and cut - here are a few easy ways

to earn money for Agora and the special services we provide for your students. For additional details visit our website <https://agora.org/pupil-parent-services/pto/box-tops-4-education-and-other-fundraisers/>

Amazon SMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Agora every time you shop, **at no cost to you**. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.



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Every family has to eat - so why not make it pay off?! Each time you shop at Giant or Giant Eagle, Agora earns money - and at no cost to you. Simply register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® and select Agora (school #5858). Visit their website today: <https://schools.gianteagle.com/how-does-it-work-FAQ.aspx#q2>



For more info, visit our dedicated web page [AmazonSmile](#)

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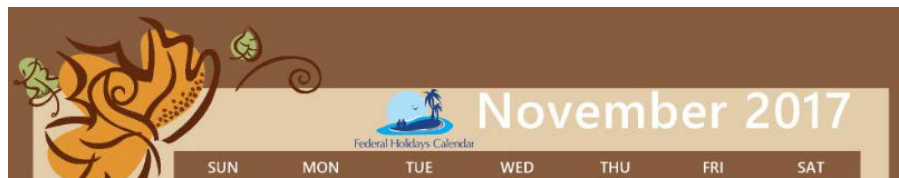
Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to raise money for our school. All those box tops add up quickly - pitch in and see how you can help our school. Every little bit helps!



GIANT A+ School Rewards

Families that shop at Giant Food Stores can register their BONUSCARD® online and select AGORA to support with every purchase(excludes items prohibited by state law). Visit their website today to register your BONUSCARD®:

<https://giantfoodstores.com/school-rewards/>



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- November 22 - AM Asynchronous Half-Day Students / AM PD for Staff
- November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving!

November 23, 24 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday: No School and Admin. Offices Closed

Agora **CALENDAR OF EVENTS and ADOs:**

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=agoraevents2013%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York



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